Temperature for twenty-four hours ending 2 p.m.: Highest, 32; lowest, 20.

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PEACE OFFER SPURNED BY ALLIES AS A SHAM ON PART OF GERMANY

Entente Powers Characterize Proposal for Conference Without Conditions as War Maneuver to Stiffen Teuton Public Opinion, Already Cooling.

REPLY HANDED TO U. S. AMBASSADOR IN PARIS TO BE DELIVERED TO BERLIN

Kaiser and Other Hostile Rulers Told Conflict Must Go On Until Reparation for Violated Rights and Guarantees for Future Tranquillity Are Made.

PARIS, December 30.—In reply to the proffer of Germany and a.m. her allies for a peace conference, the entente allies, in a collective note, declare that they "refuse to consider a proposal which is empty and insincere." The note was handed to the American ambassador, William Graves Sharp, today by Premier Briand, and was made public simultaneously in London and Paris.

The entente allied governments insist that no peace is possible so long as they have not secured reparation for violated rights and liberties and the free existence of small states and have not brought about a settlement for the future security of the world. The note declares that the proposal of the central powers is not an offer of peace, but a "war maneuver." It is declared to be founded on "calculated misinterpretation of the character of the struggle in the past, the present and the future."

POWERS' AIM AS TO BELGIUM.

The note does not specifically outline the definite war aims of any of the entente governments, except Belgium. Before the war, it is pointed out, Belgium asked for nothing but to live in harmony with her neighbors. Assailed in spite of the treaties guaranteeing her inviolability, Belgium, the note says, has taken up arms to defend her independence and "her neutrality violated by Germany."

Belgium's aim, which is declared to be the only aim of her king and government, is described as "the re-establishment of peace and justice. But they only desire peace which would assure to their country legitimate reparation, guarantees and safeguards for the

The note, which is the joint act of Belgium, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Montenegro, Portugal, Rumania, Russia and Serbia, declares that the present strife was desired, provoked and declared by Germany and Austria-Hungary, and that Germany made no effort to bring about a pacific solution of the trouble between Serbia and Austria-Hungary, as did Great Britain, France and Russia.

DEMAND REPARATION AND GUARANTEES.

caused by the war demand penalties, reparation and guarantees.

The German overtures are described as a calculated attempt to influence the future course of the war and to end it by imposing a German peace. The overtures also are said to have the effect of intimidating neutral public opinion as well as to stiffen opinion in the central powers "worn out by economic pressure and crushed by the supreme effort which has been imposed upon their inhabitants.

"Finally," it is asserted, "these overtures attempt to justify in advance in the eyes of the world a new series of crimes-submarine warfare, deportations, forced labor and forced enlistment of the inhabitants against their own countries and violations of neutrality." of the conflict. But to all these ef-forts Germany gave neither answer

"War Map Only Passing Phase."

"Belgium was invaded by an empire

which had guaranteed her neutrality

and which had the assurance to pro-

claim that treaties were 'scraps of

paper' and that 'necessity knows no

Object of the Overtures.

to create dissension in public opin-

on in the allied countries. But that public opinion has, in spite of all the

sacrifices endured by the allies, al-

ready given its answer with admir-able firmness and has denounced the empty pretense of the declaration of the enemy powers.

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"They have the further object of stiffening public opinion in Germany and in the countries allied to hermore and all severely tried by their losses, worn out by economic pressure and crushed by the supreme effort which has been imposed upon their inhabitants.

"They endeavor to deceive and intimidate public opinion in neutral countries, whose inhabitants have long since made up their minds where the initial responsibilities lie and are far too enlightened to favor the designs of Germany by abandoning the defense of human freedom "Finally, these overtures attempt to justify in advance in the eyes of the world a new series of crimensubmarine warfare, deportations, forced labor and forced enlistment of the inhabitants against their own countries and violations of neutrality.

"Proposal Empty and Insincere." "Pully conscious of the gravity of his moment, but equally conscious (Continued on Ferend Page.)

The text of the note follows: Text of Allies' Answer.

"The allied governments of Belgium, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Montenegro, Portugal, Rumania, Russia and Serbia, united for the defense of the liberty of their peoples and faithful to engagements taken not to lay down their arms separately, have resolved to reply collectively to the pretended propocollectively to the pretended propo-sitions of peace which were address-ed to them on behalf of the enemy governments through the interme-diary of the United States, Spain, Switzerland and Holland. Before making any reply the allied powers desire particularly to protest against the two essential assertions of the note of the enemy powers that pre-tend to throw upon the allies re-sponsibility for the war and pro-claim the victory of the central powers.

"The allied governments cannot admit an affirmation doubly inexact and which suffices to render sterile was in 1914. But it is not upon the word of Germany, after the viola-tion of its engagements, that the peace broken by her may be based.

Calls Offer Sham Proposal.

"A mere suggestion, without a statement of terms, that negotiations should be opened is not an offer of peace. The putting forward by the imperial government of a sham proposal lacking all substance and prerision would appear to be less an offer of peace than a war maneuver It is founded on calculated misinterpretation of the character of the struggle in the past, the present and

the future.

"As for the past, the German note takes no account of the facts, dates and figures which establish that the war was desired, provoked and declared by Germany and Austria-

Hungary.
"At The Hague conference it was a At The Hague conference it was a German delegate who refused all proposals for disarmament. In July, 1914, it was Austria-Hungary who, after having addressed to Serbia an unprecedented ultimatum, declared war upon that a spite of the satisfaction which had at once been accorded.

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"The central empires then rejected all attempts made by the entente to bring about a pacific solution of a purely local conflict. Great Britain suggested a conference; France proposed an international commission; the Emperor of Russia asked the German emperor to go to arbitration, and Russia and Austria-Hungary came to an understanding on the even

EIGHT REACH GOAL IN ARMY AERO TEST

Flight of 165 Miles Made in Less Than Two Hours, From Hempstead to Philadelphia.

TWO MACHINES DAMAGED

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., December 30. Eight of the twelve army aviators who tarted from Hempstead, L. I., for this city today in a qualification test for government pilot licenses arrived at the flight of 165 miles in less than two ours. Two of the aviators who failed escend because of motor trouble near Monmouth Junction, N. J., and one at caused one of the squad to abandon the flight ten miles from Hempstead.

Order in Which Machines Finish. With but few mishaps to mar the

success of the flight, the machines descended in the following order: Lieut. Coyle of the New Hampshire

a.m.
H. W. Brickley, with C. H. Reynolds, passenger, 11:40 a.m.
Tex C. Milliman, with S. A. Blair, 11:43 a.m.
Capt. J. E. Carberry, Army Signal Corps, 11:50 a.m.
Lieut. James E. Miller, New York,

Lieut. G. Osborne, 11:53 a.m. Leonard Barney, with Instructor Al-

Leonard Barney, with Instructor Allen, 11:56 a.m.
Lieut. E. W. Bagnall, with Sergt. E. A. Kruss, 1:30 p.m.
Lieut. Tobort Carolin, with Lieut. Wheaton as a passenger, crashed into a fence at Deans, N. J., after motor trouble forced them to descend at 11:55 a.m. Both planes of the machine were smashed, but the men escaped injury. The machine will be hauled to Hempstead on a motor truck tomorrow.

Sergt. E. W. Noyes, with a passenger Meredith, descended at 11:10 without difficulty. They will

Numbed by Intense Cold.

of the aviators had to be as sisted from their machines to the marine barracks at the navy yard, the in tense cold having numbed their arms and legs, although they wore special A peace concluded upon the German idea would be only to the garments. Frozen moisture fringed

Altitudes ranging from 2,000 to 5,000 feet were reached during the trip, the aviators shaping their course to Trenton, N. J., following the Delaware river to the navy yard. During the journey tests of stabilizers and other airplane devices were made.

The return flight to Hempstead will begin at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Sort of run me into it through your press statements, and then you made me the whole of it. Now I say, congressman, have a heart, have a heart, have a heart. This is my program: Tomorrow I will give you a serious 3,000-word bit, then, if you wish, I will visit you on New Year day, then on Tuesday from the gallery I will listen to you and the

INSURES EMPLOYES' LIVES.

Union Pacific Railroad Takes Out Blanket \$30,000,000 Policy.

NEW YORK, December 30 .- The insurance which the Union Pacific railway system recently announced it had placed on the lives of its employes covers 40,000 ersons and amounts to \$30,000,000, it was announced tonight by the Equitable Life Assurance Society, which wrote the contract, effective tomorrow.

The contract, written under the so-alled "group plan." provides insurance The contract, written under the so-called "group plan." provides insurance equivalent to one year's salary not to ex-ceed \$2,50 on each employe who has been in the service of the company one year. The employes are not obliged to undergo medical examination and the Union Pacific pays the cost of the insurance.

GEN. HOWARD CARROLL DEAD.

Former Washington Newspaper Man. Author, Financier and Soldier.

"At the present moment these sham offers on the part of Germany rest on the 'war map' of Europe alone, which represents nothing more than a superficial and passing phase of the situation and not the real strength of the helligerents. A peace concluded upon these terms would be only to the advantage of the agressors, who, after imagining that they would reach their goal in two months, discovered after two years that they could never attain it.

"As for the future, the disasters caused by the Germany and her allies against both belligerents and Neutralis demand penalties, reparation and guarantees. Germany avoids mention of any of these.

"In reality these overtures made by central powers are nothing more than a calculated attempt to influence the future course of the war and to end it by imposing a German peace.

Object of the Overtures NEW YORK, December 30 .- Gen. Howard Carroll, who was inspector-general of the New York National Guard in the Spanish-American war, lied suddenly at his home here today. Gen. Carroll was born in Albany in 1854. He was a journalist, an author, financier and a contractor, as well as soldier. Educated in this country and Germany, Gen. Carroll was at one time a reporter with the New York Pimes, and later was that paper's Washington correspondent. He-refused a private secretaryship proffered by President Arthur. He was a delegate to three republican national conventions. His father, Gen. Howard Carroll, was killed in the battle of Antietam. "The object of these overtures is

Heads Phi Kappa Sigma.

CHICAGO, December 30 .- Hazeltine smith of Philadelphia was chosen grand president of the Phi Kappa Sigma colege fraternity at the closing session of the fifty-third annual convention here today. Five hundred delegates, representing thirty-five colleges and universities attended.

New Year Issue

The Star will be issued New Year day by I o'clock and delivered at once throughout the city.

Classified advertising must be at the Star office on Mon-day before to Calack for in-sertion in the New Year



T. W. LAWSON TO VISIT MR. HENRY TOMORROW

Answers Congressman's Prediction He Cannot Make Good on Graft Leak Charges.

city will return to the starting point.
Capt. Raynal C. Bolling descended at Monmouth. Lieut. Kilner and John B. Stetson, jr., of Philadelphia, a passenger, abandoned the flight shortly after W. Lawson today replied by wire that

quest in his capacity as a member of

owing in Wall street leak grafts for forty years," the Lawson reply said "You and Congressman Wood started this 'leak' merry-go-round, then you sort of run me into it through your press

"This is my program: Tomorrow I will give you a serious 3,000-word bit, then, if you wish, I will visit you on New Year day, then on Tuesday from the gallery I will listen to you and the other statesmen who missed out on the

other statesmen who missed o 'leak' lambast me some more." MAY DROP "LEAK" CHARGE

Rules Committee Not to Act Unless Evidence Is Forthcoming.

"Unless Representative Wood o Thomas W. Lawson comes forward with some concrete evidence of a 'leak' in connection with the President's peace note, the rules committee will drop the entire matter," said Representative Henry, chairman of the committee last night.

"I do not intend to call the commit tee together merely for the sake of hearing some wild rumors," continued Mr. Henry. "But if Mr. Wood or Mr. Lawson has actual facts in his pos-session and can show them to me, then

BRITISH SHIPS ASK SECRECY. Request Regarding Clearance Papers

Referred to Washington. BOSTON, December 30 .- In furtherance of orders from England to give out no information regarding the move ments of British vessels, agents of British steamship lines here today re quested the collector of the port to re strict publicity in connection with clearance papers and other formal documents which might indicate the schedules or cargoes of their vessels. It is understood similar requests will be made at other ports. Port officials referred the matter to Washington fo

PLEADS FOR LIFE PRISONER.

Washington Priest Says Witness Against Billik Confessed Perjury. SPRINGFIELD, Ill, December 30 .- "To ase his conscience," Rev. Peter J. O'Callaghan, now of Washington, D. C., for merly of Chicago, told Gov. Dunne and the state board of pardons here today he had been "haunted for eight years by the belief that Herman Billik, who is serving a life sentence in the Joliet penitentiar; for murder, is innocent."

for murder, is innocent."

Billik was sentenced to hang in 1907 for the murder of Mary Vrzal, whose death followed that of five other members of her family, all as the result of poisoning. Rev. O'Callaghan said that Jerry Vrzal, only surviving member of the family, then fourteen years old, had confessed to him that he perjured himself at the trial in which he was the principal witness against Billik.

Cupid Kept Busy in New York. NEW YORK, December 30.—In spite of the high cost of living more marriage licenses were issued at the marriage license bureau in this city in 1916 than ever before, it was announced tonight. The total for the year was \$7,185, as compared with \$9,646 in 1915.

RIVALS TAKE SAME OATH RAILWAY STRIKE MONDAY HIGHLY IMPROBABLE Gubernatorial Contest in Arizona Further Complicated-Hunt

Declaration by Warren S. Stone,

Head of the Locomotive

Engineers.

CLEVELAND, December 30,-Warren

Stone and W. G. Lee, heads of the

men brotherhoods respectively, arrived

in Cleveland today, following the re-

agers' committee that the Adamso

will be a strike Monday," Stone said.

He declared the report that a cir cular letter had been sent to railway employes, asking for a renewal of

the authority to call a general strike, was untrue. "No circular has yet been

Chicago Federal Officials After Testi-

was taken to the federal court, where

"It is highly improbable that there

law be placed in effect January 1.

Tests Office Door Locks. PHOENIX, Ariz., December 30 .- The

came more complicated today when both Gov. George W. P. Hunt, demo crat, and Tom Campbell, republican, cent election, took the oath of office Gov. Hunt today for the first 'time definitely announced that he would opdoors leading to his office this after-

TODAY'S NEWS AND FEATURES

1-Allies Spurn German Peace Offer. Long Flight in Army Aero Test. Railway Strike Improbable. Plan Wool, Coffee and Rubber Tax. President Confers on Railroad Bills.

-Russian Resistance Falls. Peace Parleys Probable. Insurgents Menace Carranza. 3-Germans Destroy Many Ships

4-Exhibit as Inaugural Feature. March 5 Parade to Be Picturesque. French Cruiser Sunk. -Paper Shortage Report Soon

Many Run Virginia Liquor Blockad 6-Churchmen Predict Prohibition. Movies to Give New Year Message. Prosecutor Faces Charges. Alexandria Affairs Spain Declines to Act With U. S.

-Review of the Year. Serbian Soldiers Are Desperate. 8-Capital Plans New Year Fetes. Reserve Banks Show Increase.

-Financial. -Capt. Steever to Leave Capital. Fire Damages School. Paper Collections to Resume Edison Battery Splits Naval Board. Letter Carriers Speed Old Year.

PART II. 1-Around the City. Boy and Girl Scouts With the Rifle Clubs. -Amusements. 3-Photoplay Features.

4-Editorials. The Chinese Republic -War Review. Among the Clubs.

Labor Notes. 6-Fraternities 7—Inventory of Fashions.

Garden and Poultry Notes. In Maryland and Virginias. Notes of Art and Artists. Notes of Government Workers.

Believe Teachers Will Get Raise. American Gifts Flease French Troops PART III.

Dr. Carrel's War Hospital.

PART V.

PART VI.

COMIC SECTION.

PLANOGRAVURE PICTURES.

SUNDAY STAR MAGAZINE. PART IV. SPECIAL FEATURES -Government's War on Waste. Feminine Mexican Revolutionists.

New Year Celebration Relics. -Work of Red Cross. Government Alds Parents. -The Rambier at Strawberry

Carpenter Visits Alaska Gold Mines. Herbert Kaufman's Message. British Food Dictatorship. U. S. Sugar Bill \$720,000,000 Yearly. SPORTS AND AUTOMOBILES.

ess, and the proposed iffs would be specific, providing for ties on the basis of weight and qual, rather than on an ad valorem sis. The latter method has disadntages which are not found in the mer, it is said, and in addition would folve a higher collection cost.

Rubber and Coffee Imports.

ish, even at a nominal tariff, considrevenue, officials declare, and upon virtually every one in the naupon virtually every one in the nation. Statistics showing the volume of imports of these materials and of sugar and wool have been studied closely by officials with a view to ascertaining the extent of the tariff to be recommended. In the case of wool, which would provide a smaller revenue than any of the other articles under consideration, a slight advance in tariff rates on woolen products to keep pace with the advance in raw wool might also be suggested.

In selecting rubber coffee sugar an

terials only.

mony of City Policeman. CHICAGO, December 30 -On orders from Judge K. M. Landis of the United States district court, deputy marshals raided the city detective bureau here other records. Sergt. John D. Connell

he gave a list of all desk officers of the The action followed testimony of Peter Brown, a desk sergeant, that "dollars for cigars" had been thrown to him by bondsmen and others acting for pickpockets under arrest. Special Tax Is Proposed

GORIZIA HEAVILY SHELLED. Italians Check Austrian Surprise At

tack on the Carso. ROME, December 30, via London .- A revival of activity on the part of Italian artillery along the whole front is reported in today's communication from government and pointed out the line of the war office, which follows: "Along the whole front our artillery

"On the Carso a surprise attack attempted by the enemy against our advanced lines was checked promptly by our infantry."

NEW RUMANIAN CABINET.

J. J. C. Bratiano Is Premier in Reconstructed Body-Other Members. JASSY, Rumania, via London, Decem ber 30 .- The Rumanian cabinet has

been reconstructed under the premiership of J. J. C. Bratiano, who also will hold the post of minister of foreign af-

MAY TAX WOOL. RUBBER, COFFEE

Sugar Also Discussed by Revenue Raisers.

MEANS TO AVERT DEFICIT SEEKS TO SPEED PROGRAM

coffee are at present on the free list. that it will be laid before the congressional leaders within a few days after longress assembles this week.

Position of Department Officials.

The tariffs under consideration by Secretary McAdoo and his assistants dustries. Rates sufficiently high to mount to a protective tariff are said to be opposed by the department officials issue to allow Congress to

PRESIDENT WRENCHES ANKLE
Falls On Slippery Hillside While
Out Playing Golf.

wool as the bases of consideration of ficials were prompted by a desire to impose whatever tariffs may be necessary only upon raw materials. Iron and steel are understood to have been drawn as never before, and, in my judgment, action of Congress will be very decisive in so far as any attempt to the importance of legislation on this matter has been drawn as never before, and, in my judgment, action of Congress will be very decisive in so far as any attempt to the country to the importance of legislation on this matter has been drawn as never before, and, in my judgment, action of Congress will be very decisive in so far as any attempt to the importance of legislation on this matter has been drawn as never before, and, in my judgment, action of Congress will be very decisive in so far as any attempt to the country to the importance of legislation on this matter. Out Playing Golf.

President Wilson fell on a slippery hillside while playing golf yesterday and wrenched his ankle. He was able to continue the game, but walked with a decided limp the rest of the day.

RAID DETECTIVE BUREAU.

and steel are understood to have been eliminated from consideration, as well as iron ore, because it was felt that to disturb existing conditions in that industry would be tantamount to upset the situation in a trade of enormous proportions, at present delicately adjusted. Manufactured goods, it is understood, virtually have been eliminated from consideration through the desire to place the burden on raw materials only.

Stamp Taxes Unpopular.

No return to the recent stamp taxes is contemplated in the administration program, officials assert. The unpopularity of this form of taxation was fully onight and seized the bond book and tion of the emergency revenue legislation adopted soon after the war. A consumption tax on widely used materials, officials believe, would be equally unpopular and would be impossible of strict enforcement without the stamp feature.

by Representative Hull to Meet Extra Expenses

In a statement issued last night, Representative Hull of Tennessee, member of the ways and means committee and framer of the income tax law and amendment, discussed the estimated receipts and revenues of the demarcation between the ordinary income and expense and the extraordinwas very active against the enemy's ary expenses to be incurred by the pol-positions. The enemy again repeatedly icy of preparedness. Mr. Hull urges, shelled the city and suburbs of Gorizia without inflicting damage of imporary expenses to be incurred by the pol- SAYS FRENCH WEARY OF WAR for these extraordinary expenses, a Berlin Dispatch Declares Lack of special tax levy, so designated in the

special tax levy, so designated in the law, for a period of three years. The statement follows:

"When reference is made to the receipts and expenditures of the federal government the public understands it to mean 'ordinary' receipts and expenditures. The extent and reasonableness of taxes imposed and the amount of money expended are judged by this standard. When new taxes to meet extraordinary expenditures are levied both ordinary and extraordinary revenues and expenditures become hopelessly blended, so that only a statistician can understand the true condition of the fiscal affairs of the government.

Fiscal Problem Before Congress.

Discipline Is Increasing in Army.

BERLIN, December 30, by wircless to Sayville, N. Y.—"Weariness with the war and lack of discipline are increasing in the French army,' says the Overseas News Agency. "A regimental order of the 12sth Division, dated December 12, mentions no less than nine severe military crimes and punishments therefor. This order was to be read three times warning:

"Three men were sentenced, the order says, to many years confinement in a fortress and another to five years at hard labor for abandoning their posts before the enemy. Two more were sentenced to three and five years at hard.

ordinary expenditures. The fiscal problem confronting Congress, therefore, the confronting Congress, therefore, therefore, the confronting Congress, therefore, the confronting Congress, therefore, therefore, the confronting Congress, therefore, therefore, the confronting Congress, therefore, therefore, therefore, the confronting Congress, therefore, therefore, the confronting Congress, therefore, therefore

PRESIDENT CONFERS ON RAILROAD BILLS

FIVE CENTS.

Suggested Increase in Duty on Goes to Capitol and Discusses

and an increased duty on sugar as late yesterday afternoon and conferred neans of averting the threatened def- with Senator Newlands, chairman of icit at the close of the next fiscal year the Senate interstate commerce comare under consideration by officials of mittee, on the proposed railroad legis-Treasury Department, it was lative program. While Senator Newpired at the conference, it is understood It is understood that the plan to in- that the President is seeking to excrease revenues now being formulated pedite the passage of the proposed laws, by Secretary McAdoo will be submitted particularly in view of the failure of to the President for his approval, and the railroads and the brotherhoods to

> It is understood that the President I anxious that the legislation be reporte out of the Senate interstate commerce committee as quickly as possible and that the Senate act upon it forthwith. President Wilson has not kept in touch with details of the negotiations between the brotherhood representatives and the railroads, but is understood to fear the the failure to reach an agreement malead to a reopening of the entire control versy. He feels that there has been It is understood that the President is

President's Visit Unexpected.

Senator Newlands said that he would

MESHCHISHTA RETAKEN BY FORCES OF ENTENTE

PARIS, December 30 .- "Eastern theater: From December 24 to 29 there ter: From December 24 to 29 there was no event of importance. The artillery struggle continued particularly spirited in the Monastir sector.

"Italian troops repulsed a Bulgar reconnoissance near Lake Presba. In the region of Lake Ochrida, Meshchiehta, which had been occupied by Austrian elements, was retaken by the allies. The British army carried out several successful raids on the Struma base and bombarded Demir-Hissar by means of airplanes."

GET BLUE ENVELOPES.

Hundreds of Chicago Municipal Employes Lose Their Positions.

CHICAGO, December 30.—Hundreds of CHICAGO, December 20.—Hundreds of employes of the city of Chicago today received New Year greetings in the form of blue envelopes, expressing readiness to recommend them highly for other jobs, but informing them that, owing to the necessity of cutting expenses, their present jobs will be vacant after January 1.

Faced by a deficit of \$4,000,000 in the city's purse, the city council recently directed department heads to cut expenses 25 per cent during January and 14 per cent during the remainder of the year.

fairs. The other members of the cabinet follow:

Minister of war, M. Vintila; minister of the interior, M. Constantinesco; minister of justice, G. Cantacuzene; minister of public works, M. Justiane; minister of pu

Legislative Measures With

Senator Newlands.